IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 39, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--We claim:--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 34-38 without prejudice.

The following claims have been **amended** as follows:

6. (Amended) Amino acid particles according to claim 1, in which the amino acid is leucine.

7. (Amended) A powder for use in a dry-powder inhaler, the powder including active material and amino acid particles according to claim 1.

9. (Amended) A powder according to claim 8, in which the powder includes not more than 10% by weight of amino acid based on the weight of the powder.

10. (Amended) A powder according to claim 7, the powder further including particles of a diluent.

12. (Amended) A powder according to claim 10, in which the diluent has a particle size such that at least 90% by weight of the diluent particles have a particle size not more than 10μm.

13. (Amended) A powder according to claim 10, in which the diluent has a particle size such that at least 90% by weight of the diluent particles have a particle size not less than 50μm.

14. (Amended) A powder according to claim 10, in which the diluent has a fine particle portion having a particle size such that at least 90% by weight of the particle of the fine particle portion have a particle size not more than 10μm and a coarse particle portion having a particle size such that at least 90% by weight of the particles of the coarse particle portion have a particle size not less than 50μm.

16. (Amended) A powder according to claim 14, in which the powder includes not more than 5% by weight of the fine particle portion based on the weight of the powder.

17. (Amended) A powder according to claim 14, in which the powder includes not more than 95% by weight of the coarse particle portion based on the weight of the powder.

18. (Amended) A dry powder inhaler, the inhaler containing powder according to claim 7.

19. (Amended) A method of preparing particles of amino acid as claimed in claim 3, the method including the step of forming solid amino acid particles from a vapor or from a solvent, the method being such that the particles are formed while being suspended in a gas flow.

20. (Amended) A method of preparing particles of amino acid as claimed in claim 1, the method including the step of condensing amino acid vapor to form solid amino acid particles.

21. (Amended) A method according to claim 19, in which particles of amino acid are formed by aerosol condensation.

22. (Amended) A method according to claim 20, in which the method includes the steps of

a) heating the amino acid so that the amino acid forms a vapor;

b) mixing the amino acid vapor with cool air to form a cloud of condensed amino acid particles; and

c) collecting the condensed particles.

23. (Amended) A method according to claim 20, the method including the step of heating the amino acid particles to a temperature of at least 150°C at ambient pressure.

27. (Amended) A method according to claim 24, in which material to be dried comprises amino acid in aqueous solution.

28. (Amended) A method according to claim 24, in which the droplets dried have a mean size of not more than 10μm.

29. (Amended) A method according to claim 19, in which the method is such that the MMAD of the solid amino acid particles produced is not more than 10μm.

30. (Amended) A method according to claim 24, the method being such that the amino acid particles produced are amino acid particles according to claim 1.

31. (Amended) Particles of amino acid obtainable by a method according to claim 19.

32. (Amended) A method of making a powder according to claim 7, the method including the steps of mixing amino acid according to claim 1 with active material.

33. (Amended) A method of making a powder according to claim 10, the method including the step of mixing amino acid according to claim 1 with active material followed by the step of mixing the amino acid and active material with a diluent.